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Title: PROTEIN EXPRESSION AND
STRUCTURE SOLUTION USING
SPECIFIC FUSION VECTORS

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action mailed February 25, 2003 which set a three month period for response. In light of a Request for a three-month extension of time and fee therefore enclosed herewith, response is due by August 25, 2003; this response is, therefore, timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5.